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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward, enclosed herewith, the statement of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the occasion of the admission of the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 20 and 68.

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ANNEX

Statement of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the occasion of admission of the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations

1. The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia recalls the Declaration of the representatives of the people of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro of 27 April 1992, which underlined that "remaining bound by all obligations to international organizations and institutions of which it is a member, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia shall not obstruct the newly formed States from joining these organizations and institutions, particularly the United Nations and its specialized agencies".

2. The fact that the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina have become Member States of the United Nations in no way challenges the international legal personality and continuity of membership of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

3. We would like to take this occasion to reiterate that the Yugoslav crisis still has not been resolved and that it has to be taken into account that the admission of the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations should not prejudge the results of the Conference on Yugoslavia, the status of the areas under the United Nations protection or the resolution of open questions that within the Conference on Bosnia and Herzegovina should be conducive to a comprehensive political solution respecting the legitimate rights and demands of all three constituent peoples from this Republic.

4. Accordingly, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia hopes that the admission of the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations will contribute to the constructive cooperation of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia with the Republic of Slovenia, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the resolution of all open questions in their mutual relations.

5. It is the understanding of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia that a general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment, established by the Security Council under its resolution 713 (1991) and confirmed in subsequent relevant resolutions remains in force and shall be applicable to all territories of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia until the Security Council decides otherwise, notwithstanding any decision related to the recognition of the independence of some Republics, i.e their admission to the United Nations, in accordance with paragraph 33 of the report of the Secretary-General (S/23363) and paragraph 6 of resolution 727 (1992).